

Hello UMC,

The Leadership Team proposal for distribution of \$37,000 in unrestricted reserve funds that are in excess of 25% of our operating budget is presented below. We will consider this proposal at our congregational meeting on Sunday December 6. That meeting will start following the morning worship service and the 10-minute fellowship breakout room time.

The results of the ranked voting on ideas submitted for distribution of these funds are shown below following the proposal. The ranked voting score was calculated by assigning 6 points for the 1st priority, 5 points for the 2nd priority and so on down to 1 point for the 6th priority. Multiplying the number votes at each priority by the point value of that priority gives the ranked vote score.

Thanks,

Rick, for the Leadership Team

Leadership Team proposal for distribution of \$37,000 of unrestricted reserve funds.

We propose the following donations to these seven organizations.

Organization	Amount
Mennonite Central Committee	\$6,000
Mennonite Disaster Service	\$5,000
MCUSA Justice Fund	\$5,500
The State College Food Bank	\$5,000
Interfaith Human Services	\$5,000
Out of the Cold	\$5,000
Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project	\$5,500

Grounds

1. These organizations received strong overall support from the congregation in ranked voting. The extent of support for other ministries and projects included in the voting was notably lower.
2. Using the suggested minimum \$5,000 donation amount we could donate to 7 projects. That would total \$35,000 leaving \$2,000 still to distribute. We apportioned the \$2,000 as follows:
 - a. The donation to *MCC* was kept at the suggested \$6,000 level because of the very strong support it has in our congregation.
 - b. We gave an additional \$500 each to *MCUSA Justice Fund* and the *Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project* because we do not give to these two organizations in our normal annual budget.
3. Why not fund the *UMC meetinghouse net-zero energy project*? This project clearly has strong support in the congregation, and its ranked voting score was one point above the Florence project. However, it would be funding an internal project whereas the other seven are all external ministries. While the Leadership Team is very supportive of this project, we decided not to include it in our proposal because:

- a. We believe the spirit of the original decision to not retain reserve funds in excess of 25% of our operating budget was that those funds should be used to meet needs outside our congregation rather than being kept for ourselves. Several members of the congregation expressed in comments that they thought these funds should be given to outside ministries rather than being spent on ourselves.
- b. We think the congregation should formally decide to undertake this project and then work on fundraising specifically for the project.

Ranked voting results

Ministry/Project	Score	Number of votes for each priority level					
		1	2	3	4	5	6
Mennonite Central Committee: \$6,000.00	94	11	3	1	1	1	4
Mennonite Disaster Service: \$5,000	84	4	7	2	4	2	1
MCUSA Justice Fund: \$5,000	70	6	5	2	0	0	1
The State College Food Bank:\$5,000.00	57	1	3	4	3	4	3
Interfaith Human Services: \$10,000	51	3	0	4	3	3	2
Out of the Cold: \$10,000	51	1	5	1	3	3	1
UMC meetinghouse net-zero energy: \$10,000	47	1	5	3	1	0	1
Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project: \$5,000	46	1	2	4	3	2	1
Scholarship for African American student(s) at a Mennonite college: \$5,000	35	0	1	2	5	2	3
Future Campus Ministry Fund: \$30,000	28	2	0	2	2	1	0
Doctors Without Borders: \$5,000	23	1	0	2	0	4	1
Tile in Fellowship Hall: \$12,000	23	1	0	2	2	1	1
TUBA: \$16,680	23	2	0	1	1	0	4
Local ministries: \$10,000 (divide equally among those we support)	20	0	0	2	2	2	2
Ten Thousand Villages: \$5,000.00	19	1	0	1	2	1	1
AV Camera to Support Hybrid Worship Services: \$2,500	18	0	3	0	1	0	0
Children and Youth Empowerment Centre: \$5,000	16	1	1	0	0	2	1
Camp Hebron and Laurelville Camp: \$10,000 (\$5,000 to each camp)	9	0	0	1	0	2	1
New Hymnal	9	0	1	1	0	0	0
Clearwater Conservancy: \$5,000	5	0	0	0	1	1	0
Do not disperse any funds: \$0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1